

these elections were due to be held on 22 June, 1991.

(c) The Election schedule was being constantly monitored by the Election Commission on the basis of information received from various sources including the State Government, the Central Govt., the political parties, public men and the observers appointed by the Election Commission. The decision of the Commission to postpone elections was based not on any specific information received by it at a particular point of time, but on an assessment of all relevant factors and the totality of the situation then prevalent.

(d) The estimated expenditure incurred by the State Government was approximately Rs. 3.46 crores. The figures of expenditure incurred by the persons and parties fighting for June 22, 1991 elections are not available.

#### **Border Trade with China**

658. SHRI PRAKASHBAPU VASANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to resume border trade with China; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) India and China have agreed, in principle, to resume border trade. The two sides have exchanged draft agreements in this regard.

[Translation]

#### **Participation of Private sector in Transport System of Delhi**

659. SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage participation of the

private sector to bring about improvement in the transport system of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which this proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(d) what other steps are proposed to be taken to improve the transport system in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government welcome the active participation of the private sector to bring an improvement in the transport system of Delhi. The Government have already recommended to the Delhi Administration to introduce a scheme of special stage carriage permits at a fare structure higher than that of DTC.

(d) The Delhi Administration had engaged M/s RITES to take up a techno-economic feasibility study for the introduction of Mass Rapid Transport System for Delhi. The report was submitted to the Delhi Administration. The Government of India, in consultation with the Delhi Administration, have constituted a Steering Committee to take preparatory action.

The Delhi Administration have also been advised to grant additional stage carriage permits to private operators.

[English]

#### **\*Corrosion of Imported Materials at Mazagaon Docks Limited**

660. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Sub material rusting" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated April 17, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the reasons for not utilising the material for construction of sub-marines and how the Government propose to consume the material;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the same; and

(e) if so, the action taken against the concerned persons?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The total value of submarine material imported from West Germany so far is valued at Rs. 138.00 crores. Of this, material valued at Rs. 134.88 crores (97.3%) has already been used in the construction of the two submarines. The balance 2.7% will be utilised as under:—

Material valued at — within one year for the remaining construction work.  
Rs. 3.12 crores

Material valued at — During future refits/repairs.  
Rs. 60 lakhs

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of replies to parts (b) and (c) above.

### Curbs on Imports

661. **SHRI LOKANATH CHOUHDURY:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lift curbs on imports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):** (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India in the recent past had introduced certain restrictions on import finance. Lifting of curbs will depend on the 'Balance of Payment' position.

### [Translation]

### Resettlement of Ex-Servicemen

662. **PROF. PREM DHUMAL:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of ex-servicemen who have been resettled after their retirement during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether they are being resettled as per the prescribed percentage provided for ex-servicemen; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR):** (a) Placement of ex-Servicemen, in civil jobs including the private sector, is as follows:—

Year	No. of retires	No. desires of employ- ment assistance	No. provided employ- ment	No. % w.r.t. Col. (3)
1988	55,295	35,882	21,872	60.96%
1989	62,274	37,849	18,853	49.81%
1990	53,979	31,868	15,909	49.92%